

**MINUTES
HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Gilland, Chairman; Harold Worley; Brent Schulz; Marion Foxworth; Mike Ryan; Bob Grabowski; James Frazier; Carl Schwartzkopf; Paul Prince; Kevin Hardee; and Al Allen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Barnard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Danny Knight; Pat Hartley; John Weaver; Anne Wright; Steve Gosnell; Janet Carter; Westley Sawyer; and Lisa Bourcier.

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gilland called the meeting to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mr. Allen gave the invocation.

PLEDGE: Mr. Worley led the pledge.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Leslie McIver spoke on the International Association of Characters of Counties and presented Council with a certificate.
2. Josephine Dollar was to speak on government accountability but was absent.
3. John Baker spoke on crisis in leadership.
4. Representative Thad Viers spoke on highway issues on Hwy. 544, taxes and an invitation for a joint luncheon.
5. Andrea Crudo spoke on the police department.
6. Eltrie Smith spoke on the Airport.
7. Jack Platt spoke on a trip for Veterans to Washington, DC.

Chairman Gilland closed public input at 6:42 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to defer Ordinance 156-07 until further notice, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

Mr. Allen recused himself from Ordinance 149-07 and Ordinance 150-07.

Mr. Schulz recused himself from Ordinance 135-07 and Ordinance 165-07.

Mr. Hardee moved to add discussion on a second runway under Old/New Business, seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

Mr. Grabowski moved to add discussion on the Sex Offender Website under Old/New Business, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

Mr. Knight stated the representative from SCDNR would not be present to do the presentation on International Drive/Burroughs Road. The presentation would be made at the November 6th meeting. Chairman Gilland removed the item from the agenda.

Mr. Foxworth moved to add under Announcements an announcement of a \$3,000 grant from recreation funds to the City of Myrtle Beach for undergrowth and land clearing on City and County park property at the corner of Collins and Broadway in a joint City and County effort, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS: Mr. Schwarzkopf moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Hardee. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting September 18, 2007: Mr. Hardee moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion passed. (Mr. Barnard and Mr. Frazier were absent.)

MEMORIAL DEDICATION: It was requested that upon adjournment, Council adjourn in memorial of the following individuals:

Mildson Ransom, Jr.
Emory "Buddy" Watson, Sr.
Forney "F.W." Jordan, Jr.
Katrina D. Hicks
Ronald Huggins
Eugene Singleton
Louise McDowell
Carl Jenkins
Hayes Roberts
Charles H. Hucks
Jim Walker
Horace Miller
Tony Stanley
Maryland Johnson
Michael Causey

Chairman Gilland spoke on Council meeting dates and requested approval to delete the second meeting in December. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to delete the second meeting in December, seconded by Mr. Prince. The motion passed. (Mr. Grabowski; Mr. Foxworth; Mr. Frazier and Mr. Barnard were absent.)**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Prince moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

Third reading of **Ordinance 146-07** to amend the 2008 budget so as to provide additional funding for the continuation of a professional services contract with Donald Fowler and John Napier.

Third reading of **Ordinance 148-07** authorizing the administrator to execute an agreement with the FAA for the lease of property at MBIA.

Third reading of **Ordinance 149-07** approving and authorizing the administrator to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with North American Institute of Aviation for property at Conway-Horry County Airport.

Third reading of **Ordinance 150-07** approving and authorizing the administrator to execute a lease agreement with D&D Aviation LLC for property located at Conway-Horry County Airport for construction of a hangar.

First reading of **Ordinance 135-07** to approve the request of Matthew Raines, agent for James & Elsie Cox, to amend the official zoning maps.

First reading of **Ordinance 168-07** to amend the county code relating to Financial Policies so as to add language to address standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, to update the section on debt, and to address other operational matters.

First reading of **Ordinance 169-07** to amend the procurement code relating to the transfer of proceeds from sale or disposal of surplus supplies.

First reading of **Ordinance 170-07** authorizing the county administrator to execute a quit claim deed conveying a prescriptive dirt road off of Moores Mill Road to Denise Paula Wise and Holiday Associates LLC.

Resolution R-161-07 authorizing the administrator to extend the payment due date in the memorandum of understanding with the Museum Foundation relating to funding exhibit design services for the Burroughs School Building.

Resolution R-162-07 to declare intent by Horry County to reimburse certain expenditures incurred with respect to projects prior to the issuance by the county of its general obligation bonds.

Resolution R-163-07 adopting the Horry County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

District Appointments:

- Jon Bourne to the Airport Advisory Committee
- Nancy Seeds to the Recreation & Open Space Board

The motion passed. (Mr. Frazier and Mr. Barnard were absent.)

RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting for the year ended June 30, 2006. Fred Liner recognized employees from the Finance Department.

Recognition of the Budget & Revenue Department for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the year beginning July 1, 2006. Mr. Knight recognized the Budget & Revenue Department. Mr. Sawyer thanked Melanie Gruber and Kelly Brosky for their assistance and hard work.

Resolution R-167-07 to approve certain amendments to the county's contract with Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed. (Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Allen were absent.)**

Resolution R-160-07 authorizing the county administrator to enter into a contract (s) to purchase and improve property for the J. Reuben Long Expansion & Renovation Project, Phase II. **Mr. Prince moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The motion passed. (Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Allen were absent.)**

Mr. Frazier arrived at 7:05 p.m.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Second reading and public review of the following ordinances to approve the request to amend the official zoning maps: **151-07** Kathy Hucks, agent for Robert Reaves & William Reaves, Jr.; **152-07** Richardson Builders, Inc.; **153-07** Darlene Helbert, agent for Mark Howard; **154-07** Jimmy McDowell, agent for Sylvia Shelley; **155-07** Weiss Brothers Inc.; **157-07** Andrew Spataro, agent for Littlestown; **158-07** Tammy Kaye Fowler, agent for Lillie Floyd; **159-07** Howard Richardson, agent for Jason Dinh; **160-07** Caren & Carl Barnes; **161-07** Steve Powell, agent for Mack R. James; **162-07** George Murrell; **163-07** Steve Smith, agent for Barbara Ann Hardee; **164-07** Clifton Roberts, agent for Ocean Development LLC; **165-07** DDC Engineers, agent for Goldsboro Farms LLC; and **166-07** Sean Williams, agent for Timothy & Lindy Williams. **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardee. There was no public review. The motion passed. (Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Barnard were absent.)**

Second reading of **Ordinance 167-07** to amend the County Code so as to provide for an additional method of Council removal of members of council district-appointed boards, commissions, committees and agencies. **Mr. Worley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed. (Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Barnard were absent.)**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion concerning converting the Airport Advisory Committee to a Commission. Mr. Carotti explained the difference between a Commission and an Advisory Committee. Chairman Gilland remanded the matter to the Fall Retreat at which time further discussion would take place.

Discussion concerning Airport Advisory Committee matters coming before the Administration Committee prior to coming before County Council- possible alternative reporting structure. Mr. Carotti gave a briefing on the reporting structure. He stated that Council may want to give consideration to an opportunity to streamline the process by removing the Administration Committee process and allowing the recommendations of the Airport Advisory Committee to come directly to Council. Council could at any time refer the matter to the Administration Committee if they chose. **Mr. Frazier moved to delete the Administration Committee reporting, seconded by Mr. Grabowski. The motion passed with Mr. Foxworth and Mr. Prince voting nay.**

Discussion on Second Runway. Mr. Hardee requested clarification on the meeting with Myrtle Beach City Council regarding the second runway. Mr. Weaver reported that the City recommended one runway only and that no votes by Council members were taken at the meeting.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

Correspondence relating to customer service at MYR Airport. Chairman Gilland referred to the information in the packet regarding a customer service response.

Sex Offender Website. Mr. Grabowski spoke briefly on the website and reminded citizens that it was available for their use.

Mr. Foxworth inquired about the RFP for a construction management firm for the Airport. Mr. Knight stated it had been advertised and they would hire a firm that would help get the project started, set a budget, coordinate Harrelson Blvd, parking lot, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcement of \$3,000 grant to the City of Myrtle Beach by Mr. Foxworth.

Mr. Prince announced the Loris Bog Off Festival would be October 20th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. in memorial of Mildson Ransom, Jr.; Emory "Buddy" Watson, Sr.; Forney "F.W." Jordan; Katrina D. Hicks; Ronald Huggins; Eugene Singleton; Louise McDowell; Carl Jenkins; Hayes Roberts; Charles H. Hucks; Jim Walker; Horace Miller; Tony Stanley; Maryland Johnson and Michael Causey.